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#### 8.1 GOALS

- 8.1.1 To become familiar with the physical and chemical characteristics of vaginal fluid.
- 8.1.2 To learn the theory behind the procedures for the detection of urine and feces, including the specificity and limitations of the tests as well as the use of controls.
- 8.1.3 To become acquainted with the limitations of the Ouchterlony double diffusion test to determine species origin on vaginal, urine, fecal, and tissue samples.
- 8.1.4 To become acquainted with the limitations and specificity of the chemical tests for the presence of amylase in saliva.

#### 8.2 TASKS

- 8.2.1 Test several human and animal urine stains of varying dilutions and sizes using the urease test.
- 8.2.2 Test physiological fluid stains (blood, semen, vaginal fluid, saliva, and feces) using the urease test.
- 8.2.3 Test several human and animal fecal stains of varying sizes using Edelman's Test.
- 8.2.4 Test several human vaginal, urine, feces, and tissue samples using Ouchterlony double diffusion. Compare results. Refer to section 6.4.9, Ouchterlony double diffusion, for the procedure.
- 8.2.5 Observe and obtain instruction from qualified examiners performing routine examinations of case material
- 8.2.6 Read applicable literature. Refer to Appendix A and Appendix B.

#### 8.3 TRAINING EVALUATION

#### 8.3.1 Knowledge

- 8.3.1.1 Review of notes in training notebook by training coordinator.
- 8.3.1.2 Mini-mock trials/oral and practical examinations.
- 8.3.1.3 Completion of checklist by training coordinator.

#### 8.3.2 Skills

- 8.3.2.1 Observation by training coordinator or designee.
- 8.3.2.2 Review of notes in training notebook by training coordinator.
- 8.3.2.3 Mini-mock trials/oral and practical examinations.

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8.3.2.4 Completion of checklist by training coordinator.

#### 8.4 DETECTION OF URINE – TECHNICAL NOTES

- 8.4.1 Screening items such as clothing or bedding for the presence of urine stains may be facilitated by the use of an alternate light source (ALS). Alternate light sources include a UV light (sometimes referred to as a "Wood's Lamp" by Forensic Nurses), the Omnichrome FLS 5000, LumaLite<sup>TM</sup> 2000A, and Mini Crime Scope MCS400, to name a few. Users must read the directions accompanying each ALS in order to learn the best combination of wavelengths and filters, to avoid damaging the instrument during start up and shut down, and to protect their eyes from the powerful light. The use of appropriate goggles (dependent on the ALS) helps to make the reaction detectable to the eye, while simultaneously protecting the eyes from the light source. If proper eye protection is not worn, permanent damage to the eye may occur. The principle behind the light sources is that urine contains a component (urea) which reacts to light between 450 and 455 nm wavelengths. The reaction appears as a light stain against a dark background. The reaction must be interpreted with caution since other substances (such as, but not limited to, semen, saliva, makeup, yogurt, cleaners, bleach alternatives such as UV dyes) may also react to an ALS. Samples exhibiting a reaction to an ALS require further examination to detect the presence of urine.
- 8.4.2 The urease test is a presumptive test for the presence of urine and is based on the fact that urea is found in high concentration in urine. Although there are many different presumptive tests for the presence of urine, there are no confirmatory tests available for the identification of urine in a dried stain. The urease reagent reacts with urea, releasing ammonia from the stain, which turns red litmus paper to a blue color.
- 8.5 UREASE TEST (Reference 6, pp. 191-193, Appendix B)
  - 8.5.1 Equipment
    - 8.5.1.1 Scissors
    - 8.5.1.2 Tweezers
    - 8.5.1.3 Scalpel or other sharp instrument (to cut cork)
    - 8.5.1.4 Heat block (37° C)
  - 8.5.2 Materials
    - 8.5.2.1 Test tubes (10 X 75 mm)
    - 8.5.2.2 Corks
    - 8.5.2.3 Disposable pipets
  - 8.5.3 Reagents
    - 8.5.3.1 Distilled water
    - 8.5.3.2 Urease reagent

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		8.5.3.2.2	According to the manufa shelf life of 2 years from		eagents stored at 2-8° C will have 's quality control date.
	8.5.3.3	Red litmus	spaper		
	8.5.3.4	Positive co	ontrol (known urine)		
8.5.4	Minimun	n Standards	and Controls		
8.5.4.1 A positive reagent control (known urine stain) and a substrate control (or if not available distilled water) must be tested and results documented in the case file. If the stain is or cotton swab, it is not necessary to test a substrate control. It is not necessary to test submitted control swabs.			in the case file. If the stain is on		
8.5.5	8.5.5 Urease Test Procedure				
	8.5.5.1	small pieces. Place the cuttings into appropriately labeled 10 X 75 mm test tubes.  5.5.2 Add 3-4 drops of distilled water and 6-7 drops of urease reagent to each tube.  5.5.3 Cut a slit into the small end of a cork and insert a strip of red litmus paper into this slit.			
	8.5.5.2				e reagent to each tube.
	8.5.5.3				of red litmus paper into this slit.
	8.5.5.4				be. Do not allow the litmus pape
8.5.5.5 Incubate the samples in a 37° C heat block for 30 minutes.			ites.		
8.5.5.6 Observe any change in the color of the litmus paper. Docum		Occument results in the case file.			
8.5.5.7 All controls must give the expected results before a conclusion can be reach unknown sample. When all controls work properly and a positive reaction is obtthe unknown sample, urine is <u>indicated</u> to be present.					
8.5.5.8 Interpretation					
		8.5.5.8.1	Positive Reaction =	Red litmus paper	r turns blue
		8.5.5.8.2	Negative Reaction =	No color change	to red litmus paper
		8.5.5.8.3	Inconclusive Reaction =		of the positive control to the red l/or substrate control turns red litr

8.5.5.9 Reporting Results

8.5.5.9.1 Report positive test results as "Urine was indicated..."

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- 8.5.5.9.2 Report negative test results as "No urine was detected..."
- 8.5.5.9.3 Report inconclusive test results as "The test for urine was inconclusive..."

#### 8.6 DETECTION OF FECAL MATERIAL – TECHNICAL NOTES

- 8.6.1 Edelman's test is a presumptive test for the presence of fecal material and is based on the detection of urobilinogen found in high concentration in feces. Urobilinogen is formed in the intestine by the reduction of bilirubin. Urobilinogen is oxidized to urobilin, which is soluble in alcohol. In the presence of neutral alcoholic salts, a green fluorescent complex is formed between urobilin from human or Carnivore feces and zinc. Due to the presence of chlorophyll in Herbivore (ruminants, such as cattle, sheep, and deer) feces, fluorescence will be orange-pink. Although there are other presumptive tests to indicate the presence of fecal material, there are no confirmatory tests available for the identification of fecal material.
- 8.7 EDELMAN'S TEST (Reference 12, pp. 4-7, Appendix B)
  - 8.7.1 Safety Considerations
    - 8.7.1.1 Mercuric chloride Caution! Very toxic if inhaled or swallowed, or if in contact with skin! Poisonous! Dangerous! May be fatal!
    - 8.7.1.2 Zinc chloride Caution! Corrosive!
    - 8.7.1.3 Amyl alcohol (isopentyl alcohol) Caution! Harmful if swallowed or inhaled! Irritant! Combustible!
  - 8.7.2 Equipment
    - 8.7.2.1 Scissors
    - 8.7.2.2 Tweezers
    - 8.7.2.3 Centrifuge
    - 8.7.2.4 Long wavelength ultraviolet light source
    - 8 7 2 5 Vortex
  - 8.7.3 Materials
    - 8.7.3.1 Disposable pipets
    - 8.7.3.2 Test tubes and/or microcentrifuge tubes
  - 8.7.4 Reagents
    - 8.7.4.1 10% Saturated mercuric chloride solution (1 g in 10 ml of 95% ethanol)

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	8.7.4.2	10% Saturated zinc chloride solution (1 g in 10 ml of 9	95% ethanol)	
	8.7.4.3	Amyl alcohol (isopentyl alcohol)		
	8.7.4.4	Distilled water		
	8.7.4.5	Positive control (known feces)		
8.7.5	Storage			
	8.7.5.1	The 10% saturated solutions of mercuric chloride a temperature.	nd zinc chloride are stable at room	
8.7.6	Labeling			
	8.7.6.1	Label each bottle with the contents and lot number (da initials of person preparing the solution).  Example: 10% saturated zinc chloride solution Lot Nu Jane Doe on October 8, 1999.		
	8.7.6.2	There is no expiration date (see 8.7.7 Minimum Standa	ards and Controls).	
8.7.7	3.7.7 Minimum Standards and Controls			
	8.7.7.1	A positive reagent control (known fecal stain), and a smust be tested and results documented in the case file. negative control. If the stain is on a cotton swab, it is a control. It is not necessary to test submitted control swaps.	Distilled water will be used as a not necessary to test a substrate	
8.7.8	Edelman	's Test Procedure		
	8.7.8.1	Place an approximate ½ cm² piece of suspected fecal s labeled test tubes or microcentrifuge tubes and extract water at room temperature for at least 15 minutes.		
	8.7.8.2	Remove the material and add a minimum of 3 drops of solution to the extract.	10% saturated zinc chloride	
	8.7.8.3	Add 5 drops of amyl alcohol (isopentyl alcohol) to the	extract and vortex.	
	8.7.8.4	Centrifuge for 5 minutes. Pipet the supernatant layer i tube.	nto an appropriately labeled test	
	8.7.8.5	Add 3 drops of 10% saturated mercuric chloride soluti	on.	
	8.7.8.6	Observe color changes in both white and ultraviolet lig present the solution may become rose-pink, but will sh under long wave ultraviolet light.		

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8.7.8.7 All controls must give the expected results before a conclusion can be reached on an unknown sample. When all controls work properly and a positive reaction is observed for the unknown sample, feces is <u>indicated</u> to be present.		

#### 8.7.8.8 Interpretation

8.7.8.8.1	Positive Reaction =	Crab apple green fluorescence under long wave ultraviolet light
8.7.8.8.2	Negative Reaction =	No green fluorescence under long wave ultraviolet light
8.7.8.8.3	Inconclusive Reaction =	No green fluorescence of the positive control under long wave ultraviolet light and/or substrate control

wave ultraviolet light

exhibits crab apple green fluorescence under long

#### 8.7.8.9 Reporting Results

- 8.7.8.9.1 Report positive results as "Fecal material was indicated..."
- 8.7.8.9.2 Report negative results as "No fecal material was detected..."
- 8.7.8.9.3 Report inconclusive results as "The test for fecal material was inconclusive..."

#### 8.8 DETECTION OF SALIVA – TECHNICAL NOTES

Screening items such as masks or clothing for the presence of saliva stains may be facilitated by the 8.8.1 use of an alternate light source (ALS). Alternate light sources include a UV light (sometimes referred to as a "Wood's Lamp" by Forensic Nurses), the Omnichrome FLS 5000, LumaLite™ 2000A, and Mini Crime Scope MCS400, to name a few. Users must read the directions accompanying each ALS in order to learn the best combination of wavelengths and filters, to avoid damaging the instrument during start up and shut down, and to protect their eyes from the powerful light. The use of appropriate goggles (dependent on the ALS) helps to make the reaction detectable to the eye, while simultaneously protecting the eyes from the light source. If proper eye protection is not worn, permanent damage to the eye may occur. The principle behind the light sources is that biological fluids may react to light between 450 and 455 nm wavelengths. The reaction may either appear as a faint light stain against a dark background, or in some circumstances, the stain appears darker against a light background. The reaction must be interpreted with caution since other substances (such as, but not limited to, urine, semen, makeup, yogurt, cleaners, bleach alternatives such as UV dyes) may also react to an ALS. Since the Department does not conduct presumptive testing for the presence of saliva, samples exhibiting a reaction to an ALS may require DNA analysis.

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#### OTHER BIOLOGICALS STUDY QUESTIONS

- 1 Describe the mechanism for the Urease test, including chemicals used and why.
- 2 Describe the mechanism for Edelman's test including chemicals used and why.
- 3 Are there any false positives for the Urease test? Edelman's test?
- 4 When would you test evidence for urine? Feces?
- 5 In what cases does the finding of urine become important? Feces?
- 6 What are some other methods used for the detection of urine and feces?
- Name at least one method that can be used to indicate the presence of saliva. Why doesn't DFS test for saliva?
- 8 Is there a test to indicate the presence of vaginal fluid? If there is such a test, why doesn't DFS use the test?
- 9 You receive a piece of bone and a piece of tissue from a decomposed body. How do you preserve these samples for possible future testing?
- 10 You get a call from an investigator saying he has what appears to be a piece of scalp tissue on broken glass at a felonious assault scene. What do you tell him to do with regard to packaging it and submitting it to the lab?

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Na	me of Trainee:
1.	Tested several human and animal urine stains of varying dilutions and sizes using the UreaseTest.
	Date: Training Coordinator:
	Comments:
2.	Tested physiological fluid stains (blood, semen, vaginal fluid, saliva, and feces) using the Urease Test.
	Date: Training Coordinator:
	Comments:
3.	Tested several human and animal fecal stains of varying sizes using Edelman's Test.
	Date: Training Coordinator:
	Comments:
4.	Tested several human vaginal, urine, feces and tissue samples using Ouchterlony double diffusion.
	Date: Training Coordinator:
	Comments:
5.	Trainee has learned the theory behind the techniques used for the detection of urine and feces, including specificity and limitations of the tests as well as the use of controls.
	Date: Training Coordinator:
	Comments:
6.	Trainee has learned the limitations of the Ouchterlony double diffusion test to determine species origin on vaginal fluid, urine, fecal, and tissue samples.
	Date: Training Coordinator:
	Comments:
7.	Trainee's notebook is organized and complete.
	Date: Training Coordinator:
	Comments:

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8.	Trainee has participated in a mock trial and/or a practic	al or oral examina	ation. Performance was satisfactory.	
	Date: Training Coordinator:		_	
	Comments:			
9.	Trainee has read and understands all applicable literature	re.		
	Date: Training Coordinator:		_	
	Comments:			
			◆END	